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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, applicant calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,828,839 to MONCREIFF, issued on October 27, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 6,061,716 to MONCREIFF, issued on May 9, 2000;

A portion of "Starcraft User Manual", Blizzard Entertainment, 1998, 2 pages;

"Pennsylvania Environmental Health Association - Using webChat" User's Manual,  
1997. Retrieved three pages on February 19, 2002, from <http://www.peha.org/chat.htm>;  
"MSN Chat Help", Microsoft Corporation. Retrieved one page on February 20, 2002,  
from [http://help.msn.com/!data/en\\_us/data/chatv15.its51/\\$content\\$/CHWHISPER.HTM?H\\_](http://help.msn.com/!data/en_us/data/chatv15.its51/$content$/CHWHISPER.HTM?H_APP=MSN+Chat)  
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“Wetbusters Chat Room Storage Area - Ages 11-20 Chatroom”. Retrieved two pages on February 19, 2002, from [http://www.wetbuster.com/c\\_room/chat\\_express\\_frame.html](http://www.wetbuster.com/c_room/chat_express_frame.html);

“HostHideout - Welcome to HostHideout’s Live Chat”, 2001. Retrieved two pages on February 19, 2002, from <http://www.hosthideout.com/yakdex.php3>;

“Video Game Addicts Chatrooms - IRC Commands”. Retrieved two pages on February 19, 2002, from <http://videogameaddicts.net/chat.html>; and

Chen, J., “Online Exclusive - Getting Play the Cyber Way”, The Yale Herald, Inc., 1999. Retrieved 7 pages on February 20, 2002, from <http://www.yaleherald.com/archive/xxviii/1999.10.01/features/exclusive.html>.

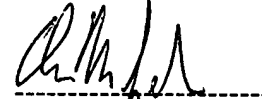
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further, applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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